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SUBJECT: 32ND UNGA: SWEDISH/MEXICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON

INCENDIARIES

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- 1. US AND UK DELS MET WITH CORE GROUP OF INCENDIARIES RES
 CO-SPONSORS (AUSTRIA, EGYPT, MEXICO, PERU, SWEDEN AND
 VENEZUELA) ON NOVEMBER 8 TO DISCUSS IMPASSE ON OP. PARA 3
 FORMULATION RE PREPCOM COMPOSITION. DESPITE OUR ARGUMENTATION PRESSING ORIGINAL FORMULA (CORE GROUP PLUS OTHER
 PARTICIPANTS AS FULL MEMBERS) AS MEETING NON-ALIGNED CONCERNS
 RE PARTICIPATION, THEY INSISTED ON UNACCEPTABILITY
 OF OPENENDED PREPCOM. OUR SUBSEQUENT SUGGESTION OF 45
 MEMBER-STATE CORE GROUP PLUS OTHER STATES AS FULL MEMBERS ALSO WAS
 REJECTED.
- 2. EGYPT AND MEXICO THEN PROPOSED THAT PREPCOM BE COMPOSED OF 60 MEMBERS, ALLOCATED AMONG REGIONAL GROUPS AS FOLLOWS: CONFIDENTIAL

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AFRICANS-15; ASIANS-13; LATIN AMERICANS -13; WEST EUROPEANS -12; AND EAST EUROPEANS-7.

3. WE ALSO EMPHASIZED CENTRALITY OF CONSENSUS PROCEDURES AND UNACCEPTABILITY OF GA RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPCOM, NOTING THAT CONFERENCE GOAL IS TO REACH BINDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AFFECTING SECURITY OF STATES. HAMILTON SAID THAT

RULES OF PROCEDURE ISSUE SHOULD BE SETTLED LATER ON, AND THAT WE SHOULD REACH AGREEMENT NOW ONLY ON SIZE OF PREPCOM. UK DEL PRESSED HIM TO CONSIDER MAKING STATEMENT IN FIRST COMMITTEE, UPON INTRODUCTION OF THE DRAFT RES, WHICH WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT CONSENSUS PROCEDURES WILL APPLY AT THE PREPCOM. HAMILTON GAVE EQUIVOCAL REPLY, LEAVING THIS OPEN AS A POSSIBILITY. HE ALSO SAID THAT PREPCOM SHOULD DECIDE ITS PROCEDURES AND THAT MATTER CANNOT BE RESOLVED IN TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION.

- 4. SWEDES INTEND TO ASK FIRST COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO EXTEND DEADLINE ON TABLING DRAFT RES TO NOV. 11, NOON. UK DEL HAS ALREADY INFORMED SOVIETS OF LATEST PROPOSAL. WESTERN CORE GROUP WILL MEET NOV. 9.
- 5. WE BELIEVE NEGOTIATING PROCESS IS NEAR ITS END. US AND UK DELS BELIEVE OUR CHOICES ARE EITHER A) ABSTENTION WITH EXPLANATION OF VOTE INDICATING OUR STRONG RESERVATIONS, PLUS ENCOURAGEMENT OF LARTE NUMBER OF EE AND WESTERN ABSTENTIONS, OR B) ACCEPTANCE OF NON-ALIGNED FORMULATION CONDITIONAL ON EXPLICIT COMMITMENT OF CONSENSUS PROCEEDURE, EITHER IN STATEMENT BY SWEDEN OR OTHER FORM. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO HAMILTON THAT BLIX MAY WANT TO PHONE ALDRICH IN GENEVA. LEONARD

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